



TEE Tournament

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TEE Times

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Volunteers Give Their All

From golf buddies to meal servers, lap quilters to transportation providers, where would we be without our volunteers? This week, more than 300 volunteers will be out on the course, on the road and in the meals areas serving veterans. Few volunteers among volunteer corps across the nation have the opportunity to work with veterans who have such special needs.

Imagine being a golf buddy for a veteran who is completely blind. Your job is to ensure the golfer's safety, providing physical and verbal instruction, as well as keeping score for up to four golfers on each hole. This is but one of the many volunteer assignments at the tournament.

Janice Hall, from Mason City, Iowa, knows this all too well. She started coming to the tournament seven years ago with husband, Robert, and later became his golf buddy. Although she did not know how to play golf or keep score, they both learned together. Words cannot convey the deep appreciation for all of the volunteers and their service.



Back L to R: Bonnie Yeggy, Mary Wall, Mike Gaffey, Mickey Burgess, Marsha Hyke; Front: Diane Graham and Midnight

Public Affairs has arrived

For the first time at the National Veterans TEE Tournament, a fully staffed public affairs team is on site to operate a program that lets your friends and family know about your participation in the tournament through your local newspaper. Through this effort, we prepare an individual news release for any veteran requesting one and make it available to your local media. In addition, our photographers will be taking action photos of as many participants as possible all week. We also hope to provide you with one 4" x 6" color print of that photo, along with a copy of your personal news release. Unfortunately, we can never guarantee that a story will run, but we do our best to make the information available to many media outlets throughout the country.

In addition, we are offering a larger format of the newsletter featuring information you need to know, stories and photos of you! One of our volunteers, Carol Watson, President of the Leadership VA Alumni Association will also be out and about on the course getting your thoughts to include in the newsletter. If you have any story ideas and suggestions on how we can improve these products for you, please let us hear from you!



September 10, 2008

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The Menu

Wednesday Lunch 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Hamburgers
- Potato chips
- Coleslaw
- Dessert
- Iced tea; lemonade

Wednesday Dinner **at Moose Lodge** 5 to 6:30 p.m.

- Baked pork loin
- Au gratin potatoes
- Maple glazed carrots
- House salad with assorted dressings
- Assorted desserts
- Coffee; iced tea; lemonade

Thursday Breakfast 6 - 7:30 a.m.

- Bananas/oranges
- Corn flakes; bran flakes; Rice Krispies
- French toast/syrup/ diet syrup
- Sausage links
- Scrambled eggs
- Breakfast potatoes
- Assorted pastries
- Assorted juices
- Milk
- Coffee

Heard around the course

by Carol Watson, VA Central Office

Joseph Bileak, a 92 year old Army veteran is participating in his fourth Tee Tournament and is the oldest participant. Joe will turn 93 in October, and is accompanied by his 88 year old wife of 62 years. Bileak and his wife look forward to the tournament each year to rekindle the memories and friendships of participants from years past. Bileak indicated, "The tournament overall provides great enrichment of our everyday life and provide each of us with a great outlook and joy looking forward to the next tournament."

Glen Logan from Colorado Springs is participating in his third tournament. Logan who is a 71-year old Army veteran says it takes a strong will to make the tournament each year. Logan indicated that he and his wife took the roundabout way to Iowa last year via the train to Boston to visit relatives and a return trip via the train to Chicago to connect to a bus to Coralville to make the tournament. He stated, "I would not have missed it for the world," he said. It is such a great time to see your old friends and compete with some new ones on the golf course, pitching horseshoes and in the bowling alley. We all have two major things in common, one is that we all are veterans and second we all have sight related issues." Logan speaks 14 languages and his strongest is Arabic. Logan said he would have been an great asset in the OIF/OEF conflicts but stated, "I know they did not want a 100% disabled veteran returning to service."

Chuck E. Rabebau a 69 year old veteran from St. Louis is returning to the Tee Tournament for the eighth straight year. Rabebau stated, "I would not miss it. I love pitching horseshoes and bowling along with the golfing, but this year I will not be able to participate in bowling due to the injury with my leg." Rabebau also stated his overall impression of the tournament is that "each year it only gets better, although I would love for more St. Louis veterans to participate" and has recruited four additional participants for next year. Rabebau indicated with a slight chuckle, "I would love for each participant to be able to drive a golf cart around the course. Well maybe not some may then want to drive when they get home and that could lead to other issues."

Your feature course:

Lake MacBride Golf Course



Lake MacBride club house

Lake MacBride Golf Course is conveniently located between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids and neighbors beautiful Lake MacBride. The scenic 9-hole course was built in 1972. The course offers a quiet and rural setting with 3,127 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. The course rating is 33.9 and it has a slope rating of 125. Lake MacBride golf course was designed by Midwest Irrigation.

The course hosts Men's, Women's and Couple's Leagues as well as team competitive golf.

The clubhouse was totally remodeled in 1999 to double its size. The facilities are equipped with all amenities to either round



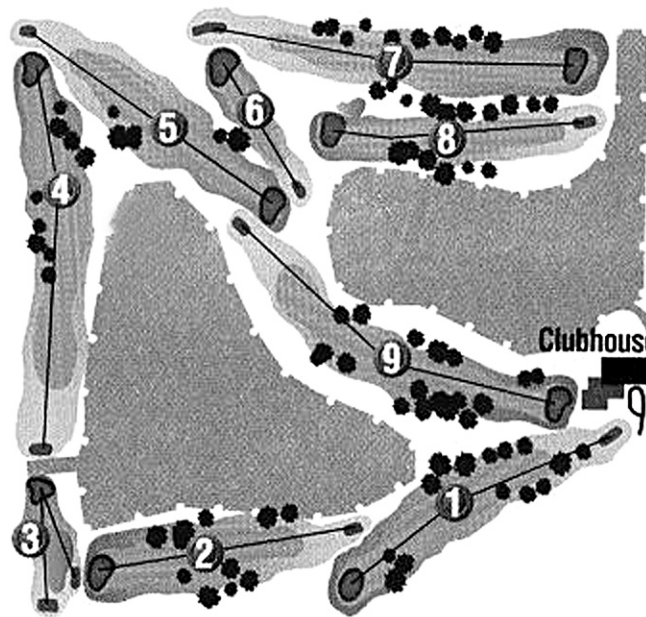
Jo Ann Leu takes aim for a put

out your golf outing or host your wedding reception, rehearsal dinner, anniversary party or other special event!

It is the gateway to Lake MacBride State Park and is bordered on 2 sides by designated non-developable land.

The course Superintendent is Jeff Wolfe and some of his recent additions to the course include:

- Reclaiming a total of 1 acre of golf turf to native Iowa prairie
- New sand trap construction
- New men's and ladies' tees
- Cement cart paths

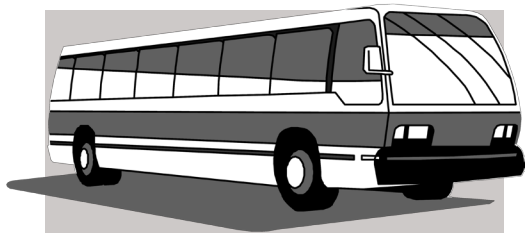


Course details:

BLUE - Total yardage 3127

WHITE - Total yardage 2929

RED - Total yardage 2540



Bus Schedule

NOTE: Each team has the same bus all day to go golf courses.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

7:30 a.m. - Blue and Black teams load buses

8 a.m. - Yellow and Red team load buses

4:30, 4:45, and 5 p.m. Buses load for trip to dinner (use any bus)

6:15 p.m.- Buses start loading to go back to Holiday Inn Conference Center every 15 minutes

Thursday, Sept. 11

7:30 a.m. - **All teams** load buses

Schedule of Activities

Wednesday -- September 10

6 to 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Holiday Inn Conference Center

8 to 11 a.m. Red Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling
(Lunch at Lake MacBride Golf Course)

Yellow Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling
(Lunch at Quail Creek Golf Course)

Blue Team at Blue Top Golf Course

Black Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Companions' Day trip to Quad Cities; Lunch provided; Load bus at Main Entrance of Holiday Inn Conference Center

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Red Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course

Yellow Team at Quail Creek Golf Course

Blue Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling

Black Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling

5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Moose Lodge

7 to 9 p.m. Casino Night at Holiday Inn Conference Center

Thursday -- September 11

6 to 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Holiday Inn Conference Center

8 to 11 a.m. Red Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course

Yellow Team at Quail Creek Golf Course

Blue Team at Blue Top Golf Course

Black Team at Elks Golf Course

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch (Companions' lunch at hotel)

2:30 to 5 p.m. Companions' Decorate Banquet Room in Kinnick Ballroom A & B at Holiday Inn Conference Center

5 to 6 p.m. Socialize at Holiday Inn Conference Center

6:30 to 9 p.m. Awards Banquet at Holiday Inn Conference Center



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